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Home ice hustle

The first home game of 2016 for the Elk Point Bantam Avalanche was a shutout for netminder Colton 'Colt 45' VanMaarion as the short-benched Avs took on Saddle Lake on Sunday afternoon. 'Raging Paige' Henderson, Nick 'Sparky' Anderson and Hayden 'Hot Wheels' Ludlage short-circuited this Saddle Lake attempt to breach the goal. Story, Page 6.

Vicki Brooker photo

Looking back at Elk Point's year of changes, challenges and continued development

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

As we head into 2016, it's time to look back on a year that has seen many changes and challenges. The drop in oil prices has taken a toll on businesses and individuals throughout the community, there have been massive changes both provincially and nationally on the political scene, and despite it all, Elk Point has carried on with growth and development while waiting for better times to come.

Here's a rundown on the top headlines throughout 2015...

January

The World Juniors took a back seat to the Novice Avalanche on the first weekend of the new year, as the team coached by James Capjack, Shane Fontaine, Conrad Pierce, Dean Rogal and Robert Hoeving won all three games to be declared tournament champions.

The Elk Point Chamber of Commerce made a New Year's resolution to find ways to make the Visitor Information EcoCentre self-sustaining, and to cut back on utility costs with a switch to more energy-friendly lighting for both the centre and the staging area's big security lights that receive their power through the EcoCentre meter.

The Peewee Avalanche took a tip from their Novice counterparts, and also went undefeated through their home tournament, winning over Frog Lake T-Birds in a very exciting final.

Water rates went up, as the result of solving two problems that previously faced the community. Seasonal water pumping could not keep up with the needs of a growing population and the town's water treatment plant would have required very costly upgrades to meet new quality and safety standards, both these problems resolved by the regional pipeline from St. Paul. This reliable source came with a cost that required the town to increase the basic water rate by $12 per month and the rate for over 14 cubic meters from $1.32 to $3.00 per cubic meter.

Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club served up a feast of tradition on both the tables and the stage as a capacity crowd enjoyed the annual Malanka celebration at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre.

Quick thinking eight- and nine-year-old brothers thwarted an abduction attempt as they were walking to school, with the RCMP alerting all parents to the situation and asking for extra vigilance on their part.

Pond hockey continued to grow in popularity, with 32 children in two age groups taking part and E-Can Oilfield Services, Elk Point and District Lions, Lakeland Tire, Prairie Tech Oilfield Services and CNRL combining forces to donate funding for jerseys.

February

Elk Point's Oilman of the Year was no stranger to most of those at the Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel banquet, even though he moved away from the community in 2001. Russ Hebblethwaite came to Elk Point in 1985 and established Tarsands Steam Cleaning, later establishing Envirovault, an innovative design that achieved great success in both Canada and the USA. He was a longtime member of the Oilmen's executive, served on the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department and with the Oil Patch Watch.

Pyramid Electric's rink, made up of Dave Cousins, Rod Grauss, Brad Koss and Marc Gervais, defeated Don Anderson, Brad Anderson, James Pinder and Page White in the grand challenge to win the 32nd Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce gained a new president, new committees and a new membership category at their annual meeting. Jonny Nielsen, who served as acting president for much of the 2003-04 term, took over the president's chair, joining vice-president Dwayne Yarmekevich, treasurer Geoff Hyslop and secretary Vicki Brooker on the executive. A Special Events committee was added to membership, finance, tourism and agriculture, with volunteers coming forward to head all but the agriculture portfolio and a new membership category was added for individuals and home based businesses that do not have employees.

The County of St. Paul turned down a proposal to rezone a parcel of land on the outskirts of Elk Point from agricultural to Industrial/Commercial, after a number of environmental concerns emerged at a public consultation and a hearing. The change would also go against the Town of Elk Point's development plan.

Elk Point Elks senior hockey club's first season back in the Sask-Alta Hockey League came to a premature end when they lost their third straight game to Two Hills Longhorns. *(Continued on Page 3)*

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Elk Point 4-H Beef Club celebrates Christmas

DALLAS BRISTOW
Elk Point 4-H Beef Club

We have had a busy month. We had a few members attend Fall Fling and Something to Say in Vegreville the last weekend of November. They all had a great time, saw old friends and meet new ones.

Some of our members went to regional Volleyball in Vermillion the first Sunday of December; we all had a great time.

Our club helped at the Santas Anonymous in wrapping presents and sorting of food hampers.

We had our Christmas party at the Bowling Alley in St Paul and great fun was had by all. We had a gift exchange that was lots of fun and ended the day by having Pizza party. A great day was had by all.

Elk Point Beef club would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

BOWLING WAS FUN - especially the Glow In The Dark session! It was almost as much fun as opening gifts!

Mona Bristow photos

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Elk Point Elementary School Ambassadors carol at Parkview Extended Care

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GONE A-CAROLING - at Parkview Extended Care were, back row, left to right: Doris Pindroch-Director, Shaylyn Klatt - Ambassador, Tammy Klatt, Lisa-Marie Albrecht, Elaine Ziomek-Director, Melissa Skarsen; front row, left to right: Lee-Ann Albrecht - Ambassador, Ryan Urqhart - Ambassador, Rian Skarsen, Paige Skarsen - Ambassador, Darianna Boorse - Ambassador, Shyanne Klatt, Payton Skarsen.

Photo submitted

A small delegation of Elk Point Elementary's School Ambassadors went on Tuesday, Dec. 22 to sing Christmas Carols to the residents of Parkview Extended Care.

Some family members of the delegates also participated in the carolling and then after the residents and guests coloured January mittens, to be on display after Christmas. The Ambassadors and residents visited and shared stories while colouring.

After coloring the Ambassadors handed out Christmas Cards that the entire School Ambassadors group made for each resident.

Elk Point Elementary School Ambassadors Program

Elk Point Elementary School began this September a School Ambassadors Program, which students from grades 4 to 6 could participate in. The purpose of the program is to involve student in community activities and teach the students how being a part of a community can benefit them in their future, as well as introduce them to opportunities they might not have the liberty to be a part of. The Program also assists in building self-esteem, a sense of belonging, a sense of community and the skills to become future leaders.

Thanks to FCSS County of St. Paul for funding, this program was able to get off the ground. At present there are 28 Ambassadors and students are able to join at any time.

Year in Review

(Continued from Front Page)

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch held its annual general meeting, with the 2014 executive returned to office and members agreeing to a decrease in frequency of meetings to four per year, the April and November meetings held in Elk Point, the September and Annual meetings held in St. Paul.

Love and laughter abounded on Valentine's Day, as Jimmy the Janitor brought his irrepressible east coast humor to the Arts and Leisure Centre.

March

Virtually the whole town turned pink on Feb. 25 as downtown businesses joined the students of both schools to dress in pink anti-bullying t-shirts and spread the message that bullying is not acceptable anywhere. The 'Grand Old P.U.P', Bill Gordon, founder of Practitioners of Underground Philanthropy, was a featured speaker at F. G. Miller High School's Pink Day assembly, where students formed wall to wall letters 'R', 'A' and 'K' to in support of Random Acts of Kindness Week.

Water was everywhere on town council's agenda, with discussions including a proposed dry pond to capture storm water, a series of breaks in the regional water line and an updated utilities bylaw.

Elk Point Peewee Avalanche won the North East Tier Two league championship and would go on to meet the south division champions to determine the league's overall winner

F. G. Miller Junior Crusaders girls won the SPAA basketball championship over the Mallaig Stingers, breaking a score tied with 11 seconds remaining in the game with a timely shot by Sydney Letwin with a mere 1.1 seconds left on the clock, as the crowd surged to its feet and principal Colin Bjorkman shouted, "It doesn't get better than that!"

'Hello Dolly!' hit the Arts and Leisure stage, with Dixie Coleman and Kelsey Taylor alternating performances as widowed matchmaker Dolly Gallagher Levi and Alan Kostyniuk starring as Vandergelder, whose half a million dollars might just make that grumpy old man worth pursuing, in a musical treat that was once the longest running show on Broadway.

Former school board trustee Darrell Younghans was successful by a slim majority in a close but well fought battle when he joined former MP Brian Storseth, St. Paul Mayor Glenn Anderson and former Lakeland County councilor Jeff Dechaine in the quest to become the Progressive Conservative candidate for Lac La Biche – St. Paul – Two Hills.

Elk Point Skating Club presented their version of the year's biggest Disney hit, 'Frozen,' with an all-star cast of 57 skaters ranging from beginners to senior StarSkaters portraying the wintry tale of love, treachery, despair and delight.

Elk Point Bantam Avalanche ended their season with an 'A' final win at a tournament in Cochrane. Meanwhile, back at the A. G. Ross Arena, the two Oil Barons pond hockey teams hosted a full day of crowd-pleasing action in a tournament that was 'Just for fun.'

Elk Point Elks also had one more chance for glory as they took part in the Senior AA Provincials in Camrose and Daysland, giving both the Westlock Warriors and the Daysland North Stars some fierce opposition, even if they couldn't bring home the championship..

Members of Elk Point Royal Purple Lodge No. 269 were proud to receive their new charter as part of the newly formed Canadian Royal Purple Society.

Elk Point Municipal Library reported another good year that focused on providing "inspiring, accessible library services for our customers and new people in the community," library manager Daphme Schnurer told the board at the annual meeting.

Watch for more Year in Review next week!

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Editorial

Predictions

Last year at this time, we predicted slow and steady progress, despite tumbling oil prices, the curling rink update completed in time for the Oilmen's Bosnpiel and that both the new recreation director and the children's theatre would be successful - we got those right! That the outdoor washroom at the EcoCentre would be completed and that a new library would be on the horizon were perhaps a bit over-optimistic, and we're not holding our breath on these two, even now.

We did not predict, nor could we even imagine then, the changes that hit the political scene this year, or how far down oil prices would go, dragging in their wake a pile of layoffs and shutdowns. It's not that these haven't happened before, we just thought they wouldn't happen this time. Unfortunately, we were wrong.

So, what will happen in 2016? We are cautiously optimistic that oil prices will begin to edge up, perhaps very gradually, as the year wears on. We see people learning to cope with less income and to learn new skills in the process. We see a resurgence in gardening to cope with outrageous produce prices, and the resulting consumption of a healthier diet, as well as more time spent outdoors and with their families.

Chins up, everyone. Keep calm and carry on!

Recreation Corner

Forward into 2016

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Coordinator

Happy New Year Elk Point!

2015 was an exciting year for me, and I hope it treated you and your family well. 2015 was my first year as the Rec Coordinator for the Town; I had a lot of fun learning the ins and outs of municipal government, as well as, planning big events, like Canada Day.

Canada Day was always my favourite Elk Point event and from our committee's fall meeting in October I can tell you that Canada Day 2016 is going to be a fantastic. The committee has many ideas on how to broaden the event and attract more people to town to help celebrate the day. I believe Canada Day is so much fun in Elk Point because everyone in our community holds a lot of pride in our community and our country. It's really displayed in the attention to detail in the events and the smiles on the people's faces throughout the day. I hope your calendars have a standing appointment with Elk Point for July 1st.

As for the rec department, the first event in the new year will be Family Day weekend. Bobs & Lolo have been confirmed to play the Allied Arts Centre on February 12th. If you haven't heard of Bobs & Lolo, Google them fast! You'll fall in love with their catchy songs and family-friendly show. It is perfect for kids of all ages, and I can tell you my two- and four-year-olds love Bobs & Lolo and watch the duo regularly on Treehouse. Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for kids. There is reserved seating, you can call Sharon at 780-645-9774 to book your seats.

Traditionally, the Town has held a free public skating on Family Day with hot chocolate and hot dogs for the community. I can imagine we'll be doing this again this year, but I would like to add some other events for the day, as well. I'd love the community's input on what they'd like to see. Some ideas that have been floating around are a Skate-a-thon, a Parents vs Kids hockey tournament, face painting, penny carnival, snowman building contest, and a dance-party skate. If you have any ideas or would like to see one of those events come to life, email recreation@elkpoint.ca.

Like the Town of Elk Point on Facebook for more updates.

Way Back When...

Business licence hike, First Night fun, home destroyed

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Lakeland Review and Elk Point Review for the week of Jan. 5 in...

1986

Andy Mikitka's Ravine Drive home took top billing in the chamber of commerce Christmas Lighting and Decorating contest for the third year in a row, with Emil and Virginia Mudryk's home placing second and Pauline Pankiw's home placing third. The town's garbage collection was revamped, going to a use-pay basis for residents.

1991

Elk Point's business license fees underwent a dramatic increase, ranging from 50 to 660 per cent as of Jan. 1, with non-food hawkers and those holding circuses, carnivals and exhibitions hit with the 660 per cent increase, beauty parlours, caterers, landscapers/gardeners/greenhouses, janitorial contractors, food hawkers, rug and upholstery cleaners and sign painters seeing their fees triple, and resident owners of other businesses seeing a 50 per cent increase while non-resident owners saw their rates double. The Town of Elk Point issued 22 building permits for construction valued at $1.6 million in 1990.

1996

Elk Point's second annual First Night Festival drew a huge and happy crowd, with four venues offering everything from dogsled rides and a bale maze to a karate demonstration, First Nations and Ukrainian dancers, a quilt display, a puppet show, the opportunity to try out both floor and ice curling and a fireworks display. Heinsburg resident Kirsten Sanders was presented with a fine arts award in music, piano, from Augustana University College.

2001

Santa searched for the perfect star to top his tree and later set up a shopping network 1-800 number for gift requests at the second of two Elk Point Elementary School concerts. Tiny Alison Ference won a stuffed lion several times her size when the F. G. Miller High School Travel Club made their raffle draw at the annual Christmas brunch.

2006

The name of delighted local shopper Tara Cameron was pulled from an impressive box of entries to win the Chamber of Commerce draw for a trip for four to Disneyland. F. G. Miller alumni were welcomed back into the school for the annual Christmas brunch, where the entertainment featured music making elves Alex Buck, Eric Mosley and Billy Hudy keeping in time with reindeer Warren Jurak on the drums.

2011

The King's Kids, a youth group from Elk Point Christian Community Church, collected bags and bags of toques, mitts, scarves and socks that community members hung on trees in all three local financial institutions for donation to The Mustard Seed mission in Edmonton. A Dec. 27 fire left a mother and three teens homeless after their mobile home went up in smoke in a matter of minutes, less than two months after the teens' father passed away.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

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Trees gather warm wishes for less fortunate

NOT THE USUAL TREE ORNAMENTS - but the toques, scarves, socks and mittens draping these three trees placed in local financial institutions by the Christian Community Church have gathered a lot of warm wishes to be distributed to those less fortunate who need some help coping with winter weather. From left to right are the trees at ATB Financial, Servus Credit Union and TD Canada Trust.

Royal Purple service awards presented

ELK POINT ROYAL PURPLE Lodge celebrated significant years of service and an admirable number of years of perfect attendance at their December meeting and Christmas party. Left to right are: Lil Buksa, with 45 years of service and 36 years of perfect attendance, Lois Sharek, with 38 years of perfect attendance, Lillian Ewasiuk, with 10 years of perfect attendance, RubyAnn Kittlitz, with six years of perfect attendance, Lena Stepa, with 45 years of service and 39 years of perfect attendance, Lavern Kittlitz, one year of perfect attendance, and Bernadette Godlein, one year of perfect attendance.

Review Announcements

THANK YOU

The family of Gladys Flanders

would like to thank Dr. Oyebode and the staff of the

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for their loving care while she was a patient there.

OBITUARY

Flanders, Gladys Elsie

Gladys Elsie Flanders of Elk Point passed away peacefully on December 20, 2015 at the age of 93.

She is survived by her brother, Larry (Donna) Babcock; three children, Marilyn (Raymond) Polege, Beth (Tom) Samuel and Glenn (Verona Lea) Flanders.

She is also survived by nine grandchildren, Ernest Polege, Stuart (Marnie) Polege, Diahann (Morris) Aulotte, Ian (Bev) Samuel, Ryan (Nadine) Samuel, Gregg (Dawn) Samuel, Ross (Erin) Samuel, Jennifer (Mike) Van der Hoek and Brett (Jessica) Flanders; eight great grandchildren, Madelyn & Lauren Polege, Greydon (Keira) & Jarrayd Aulotte, Paige & Lexi Samuel, Jordan Van der Hoek and Mackenzie & Madison Flanders; and one great grandson, Declan Aulotte.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ronald Flanders; her parents, Leo and Elsie Babcock; and her brother, Leon and sister, Joyce.

Inurnment to follow in Elk Point Western Cemetery. Donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

ROYAL PURPLE SECRETARY Verna Lazicki, right, was presented with a gift by president Lois Sharek in appreciation of her many years of service to the lodge in that capacity.

Library reopens for 2016

If you've already read your way through your stack of Christmas gift books, don't worry - Elk Point Municipal Library is back open after the Christmas-New Year's break, with all the regular programming resuming this week.

Mark your calendar now for next Wednesday's Library Tea, on January 13 at 2 p.m. Come in and join us for tea, coffee, goodies and good conversation.

THANK YOU

Thank You

The Demchuk family would like to thank our friends and neighbors for all the love and support received during our recent loss.

We would like to thank Dr. Ramful and Dr. Oyebode, and the nursing staff at Elk Point Health Care Centre, for the compassionate care given to Larry during his stay.

Thank you to Pastor Sibley for his beautiful service, and to the Empress Restaurant for the wonderful lunch.

A special thank you to Grace Gardens for their thoughtfulness and support during this difficult time.

Lillian Demchuk and family
Len Demchuk and family

Fast forward into 2016 after Christmas break

doug BASSETT
Review Sports

My oh my, how the time does fly! Here we are, it's already 2016, and I'm still here, healthy wealthy and wise. OK, at least I am healthy! Wealthy in many ways too, just not rich! Wise guy... some times too!!!

One year ago this very day I was sitting at the ACC center in Toronto watching the gold medal game as one of Kraft Hometown Hockey Heroes, thanks to Lori Poitras who nominated me. As we all know, our Canada Juniors team defeated the Russians and brought home the gold. Trust me there's no feeling quite like standing there in the stands, with all the other fans, singing O Canada as loud as you can. It really choked me up. This year Team Canada was eliminated and that was a real disappointment. It had to be horrible for the players. Everyone expects you to win, and there's no excuse good enough when you don't. Every other country in the whole world is trying to knock off the Canadians. But that is reality and sometimes it's just not in the cards no matter how hard you try. Don Cherry guaranteed we will win next year, and I'm a huge fan of Don, so I'm going with him on that!

The **Bantam Avalanche** had a reality check too, on Saturday, losing for the first time in 14 games, to St. Paul; the only team ever to defeat them this year was the Canadiens earlier in the season. The final score in this one was 7 to 3. The bantams have had a very tough year, plagued with injuries. Angus McFarlane and Brad Canning are both out with concussions, "Hammering Hank" Rogal out with a shoulder injury. The team roster was very small to begin the season so this only left them with only seven skaters and a goalie in the lineup. So, who you gonna call? Call up the farm team; three rookies from the peewee farm team, Charlie "Angel" Rogal, Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion and "Lightning Liam" Ludlage, who all have older brothers on the bantam team, came to play. And since the peewee team had the weekend off, this didn't create any problems. These boys are smaller but didn't seem to be intimated at all, in fact "Angel" assisted on one of Nick "Sparky" Anderson's goals. "Sparky" had two goals and an assist, Hayden "Hot Wheels" Ludlage with a goal and an assist, Chase Dorey adding an assist. On Sunday here at home the bantams were right back on track, not only winning, but completely shutting down the Saddle Lake Warriors 12 to 0. A huge shut out for goalie Colton "Colt 45" Van Maarion; no matter who they play, he always gives his team a 100 per cent chance to win. His little brother, peewee aged "Jet Stream" was on the score sheet with three assists after once again getting the call up from the farm team, the peewee squirt "Lightning Liam" also playing in this game too. A good night for "Sparky" Anderson who lit the lamp eight times in this one. Two goals for Chase Dorey, who also added a couple of assists. Wolke "Wolf Man" Cueva and "Raging Paige" Henderson with a goal each, "Hot Wheels", Dylan "The Destroyer" Ference and "Silent Sam" Henderson with a couple of helpers each. A big happy 14th birthday going out tomorrow to "Raging Paige" and her twin brother "Silent Sam" Henderson.

The **Atom No. 2** team also played in St Paul on Saturday and started the new year off with a huge bang, winning 14 to 3. A hat trick for Nathaniel Cousins, who has learned to park himself right on the doorstep with his stick down and ready to pull the trigger. "Mic Jager" Fontaine feeding him the sweet tape to tape passes on all three. "Mic Jager" is not a selfish player; he tries to set up the other players any time they get into position. But he is also a gifted goal scorer too and buried it seven times into the twine himself. Landon "the Magnificent " Malachowski with two goals, defenseman Ceajay Quinney and Josef "Red" Theriault with one goal each, "St. Nic" Penner and Cash "CC" Capjack both helping the cause, not only back checking but with a couple of assists each. Kaleb "Formula One" Flamand also with a helper. Not on the score sheet but doing some terrific fore-checking was Ryan "Ram Rod" Cameron. Goaltender "Kid Kade" Fontaine wasn't very busy, but when called upon was more than ready.

The **Midget Avalanche** traveled to a neutral site on Saturday night, playing in Mannville against Irma, losing a really close battle 7 to 5. The game was very tight all night, tied at 2-all after the first, then tied at 5-all again for most of the way through the third period, until the Aces put pressure on, putting in one and then adding another very late in the third. Two goals for sniper "Awesome Alex" Hunter, Team "Captain Crunch" Carson Ference and "Dead Eye" Odgaard with a goal and an assist each, the new kid on the block, Bowen Krider with a goal, Austin "Ozzie" Stafford, Brody "the Big O" Odgaard and "Warrior Warren" Ference all with assists.

Goalie Vanden "Super Mario" Moroziuk saw more rubber than a dead skunk on the middle of Highway 2 south to Calgary this past weekend when the **Atom No. 1** team played a back to back, home and home series against Provost, losing both of them. The short bench didn't help out much, in fact in their first game in Provost the team was so short of players, that little Gavin "Giver" Kadutski and Sam "Spiderman" Rogal both played the entire game on defense. Out shot 42 to 9 in this one, the only goal for the Avalanche was scored by Brady "Oscar" Hymanyk. On Sunday back here at home, the team had a few more players in the line up, but the results were much the same, another 43 shots on goalie "Super Mario". "King Kong Konnor" Poitras and Phoenix Quinney scoring for the Avalanche

Meanwhile, Sunday afternoon over in the Border City the peewee girls took the city by **Storm,** the Storm blowing in from the northwest and going strong for a full 60 minutes and when it finished, the game ended in a 1-all tie. Goalie Heaven Colbourne was fantastic in this one, but she had lots of help from her defensive core, Georgia "Gorgeous" Bendixen, Jelena "Prime Time" Parr, Jace "Jack Hammer" Weidmark and Avery "Whirlwind" Warawa all blocking shots and clearing the zone. "Whirlwind" was awarded the Storm Trooper hard hat after the game for getting her hands dirty in the corners and in front of the net and back checking like a true blue collar Storm Trooper. Center woman Rae-J Pruden was very strong on the face offs and fore-checking hard. Rugged Halle "Comet" Stybel holding her ground and scoring one from the edge of the crease for the Storm, assisted by the little grinder Laramie "Louis" Parr and Sydnee "Sid the Kid" Crawford. "The Kid" played one heck of a game, going strong both ways, digging hard after the puck, she had a break away with only 10 seconds left on the clock, took it all the way down the ice and had a really good shot on net; she was robbed but gets an A plus from me for effort!

Happy 50th birthday going out today to Big Al Ference. I heard they may have to call out the fire department when they light the cake! Hey that's not funny, I still got a few years on him!

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "When you fear your foe, fear crushes your strength and this weakness gives strength to your opponents." Last week's answer to: "To be the best, you must face the best, and to overcome your fear, you must deal with the best." - Barry Bonds

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Elks looking for rematch retaliation

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks started off 2016 with an unsuccessful attempt to play catch-up against the Kitscoty Monarchs, when they visited that community on Saturday.

The Elks successfully matched two Monarchs markers in the first period, Myles Whitford assisted by John Schmitt and Jordyn Wozniak and Lee Letestu assisted by Wozniak and Devin Moneta to end the first 20 minutes tied 2-2.

The home team surged ahead by three goals in the second, spurring the Elks to action as they went into the third, Whitford scored his second of the game, assisted by Matthew Boulianne, on a power play just before the middle of the period, and added a goal by Scott Ward, assisted by Joel Miller and Letestu, just under five minutes later, but try as they might, further scoring attempts didn't make it past the Kitscoty netminder.

The loss will have the Elks looking for retaliation on Friday, when the Monarchs come to town for an 8:30 p.m. game, so come down and cheer them on. On Saturday, the Elks head to Dewberry to visit the Mustangs.

The final results are now in from the Elks' 7-0 shutout of the Maidstone Jets on Dec. 23. The first period of that game saw goals by Blake Brodbin, Jordan Krankowsky, Whitford and Craig Dallaire, with assists by Dyson Karbashewski, Whitfort, Chevy Botting, Dylon Loughran and Moneta. Botting added a pair of goals in the second, one unassisted, the other assisted by Cornad Pierce, and Dallaire wound up the scoring in the third, assisted by Sean Joly.

SHOW AND TELL at Elk Point Further Education way back at the end of November showcased this fall's projects, from wall hangings and table runners to greeting cards, as well as the many other crafts created by local artisans.

St. Paul 4-H District off to great start

ASHLEY BRISTOW
St. Paul 4-H District Key Member

Our St. Paul 4-H District has started off great. We have seven clubs: Boscombe Multi, Elk Point Beef, Elk Point Multi, Goodridge Beef, St. Lina Beef, St. Paul Light Horse and St. Paul Multi.

From the sounds of it, all the clubs have had a great start. There are many different projects in the multi clubs and all beef members have weighed in their animals.

At the end of November, each club sent members to refurnish the bleachers at the AG Corral in St. Paul. The members took off old boards and replaced them with new ones. They also got painted green. The members had a blast.

We also had three clubs join in on the fun at the North East Volleyball in Vermillion at the beginning of December. Elk Point Multi, Elk Point Beef, and Boscombe Multi each had a team in the tournament. The clubs had so much fun that day, we got to meet new people and reconnect with old friends. You could catch our 4-H members playing volleyball in the common area or even cheering on the other members on the court. Overall it was a great day.

We ended the year off by having a little Christmas get together at the final District meeting of the year, everybody brought snacks, and we had something to eat and chatted with other clubs. As the end of 2015 comes we can come to say we started the 4-H year off right.

REGIONAL 4-H VOLLEYBALL - The North East Region 4-H clubs got together in Vermilion recently for their annual volleyball tournament and a day of fun.

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